

REMARKS


With this Preliminary Amendment, an amendment for "Related U.S. application data" is added to the Specification, claim 64-68 and 104-107 are canceled without prejudice, and claims 108-135 are added. Claims 64-68 and 104-107 are being prosecuted in U.S. Patent Appl. Ser. No. 10/438,489. Claims 1-57 and 74-103 were cancelled without prejudice in the Preliminary Amendment for U.S. Patent Appl. Ser. No. 10/438,489 and filed on, May 15, 2003.

New claims 108-135 are presented by Applicants for consideration. Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited prior art references, alone or in combination, disclose, teach or suggest the elements and limitations of independent claims 108 or 122. Applicants also respectfully submit that none of the cited prior art references, alone or in combination, disclose, teach or suggest the additional limitations of dependent claims 109-121, which depend from claim 108, or 123-135, which depend from claim 122.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (847) 472-6104 to discuss any issues in this case in order to advance the prosecution thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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